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SATURDAY, *July* 24. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* YOU have given the *Review* a *Rowland* for his *Oliver*— You have ſhew'd him the Perfection of *Perjury* in thoſe who now Object it to others! Their's is the *Original*, Ours but an ill drawn Copy. Ther are ſome ſo *Squeamiſh* as ſtrain at a *Gnat* of an *Oath*, but can this be Objected by thoſe who Swallow *Camels*? You have given them Inſtances of their *Perjuries*, not One, Two, or Three, but quite Through, from Beginning to Ending—

Which ſhews plainly what they thought,
That *Oaths* and *Swearing* go for Nought;
Further I mean than Carrying on
Some ſelf-intereſt of their own.

(2.) *Rehearſal.* The *Review* wants a *Word* to Expreſs *Perjury* by. He ſays, (as Quoted in my laſt) *That the World never knew before, Language it ſelf never form'd a Word Significant or Expreſſive of their Character*— Who take Unlawful *Oaths*. But I'll give him a *Word* to Oblige him, which *Language* has *Form'd*, and which the *World* has *Known* before, which is fully *Significant* and *Expreſſive* of theſe ſort of Men he means, and of any other the moſt *Wicked* he can Imagin— It is but one *Word*, and it is a *Dear* word, a *Word* he *Loves* Intirely, and has Wrote in *Defence* of it— It is a *Solemn* word, and a *Stout* word, that has *Slain* (and 'tis to be fear'd has *Damn'd*) many *Thouſands* for every *Letter* in it—

Country-m. Then I hope it is a *Short* word, I'm ſure 'tis a *Terrible* one. Pray, *Maſter*, let's have it.

Rehearſ. In one word it is the *COVENANT*!—— Which *Swore* to Preſerve and Defend *the King's Majeſty's Perſon and Authority*. Yet Cut him out of all *Authority*, and at laſt Cut off his *Head*! And was Fram'd for that very Purpoſe.

(3.) It is Word for Word the *Holy League* in *France*, Changing *Names* only. And was ſent into *Scotland* by Cardinal *Richlieu*, who was the Conſtant *Correſpondent* and *Aider* of theſe *Covenanters* he had Made. And their Recourſe was to him, whom they ſollicited for a *French* Power to Invade the Kingdom (for the Preſervation of the *Proteſtant* Religion againſt K. *Char.* I.) and wrote a *Letter* to the *French King* to put themſelves under his Protection, which *Ruſhworth* has given us *Verbatim*. I Quote an *Hiſtorian* they will not Queſtion.

(4.) Now, Mr. *De-Foe*, let me Borrow a little of your *Rhetorick* in the ſame *Review*. N. 35. to Deſcribe a *Covenanter*, for I cannot do it half ſo well. Thus then, as you ſay,

" 'Tis no Difficulty to him to take Oaths
" againſt what he really Purpoſes to do;
" to Abjure the Cauſe he from his Heart
" eſpouſes, and the Perſon he Reſerves his
" Allegiance for; No Parliament can make
" an Oath he will not take, and ſhou'd
" you ask him to Abjure God or the
" Devil, the Matter is Equal; for if he
" Abjures the Laſt, he is never the far-
" ther off from his Service, and if he
" do's not Abjure the firſt, he is ne-
" ver the Nearer to Regard him. Un-
" der this Jury are Couched and Conceal'd

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" Innumerable Miſchiefs, ſuch as theſe; " He becomes Protected by the very Government he Abhors, he Eats the Bread " of the Nation he Betrays, Obtains the " Favour of the Prince he Conſpires to " Depoſe, he is Cheriſh'd by the poor " well—— Meaning Creatures that he Debauches, he is Embrac'd by that Church " he in his Heart diſowns, and he is Ignorantly Receiv'd by thoſe that in their " Hearts abhor his Deſigns.

(5.) *Country-m.* All this agrees to a *Tee* with the *Covenanters*. Sure they *Sat* for this *Picture* which *De Foe* has Drawn of them, for it is to the *Life*! They reſerv'd their *Allegeance* for the *French King*, according to their Bargain with Cardinal *Richlieu*, yet *Swore* it to K. *Char.* I, And obtain'd his *Favour*, while they were *Conſpiring* to *Depoſe* him. They were *Protected* by the very *Government* they Abhor'd, they were *Cheriſh'd* by the *Church* they *Diſown'd*, they Eat the Bread of the Nation they *Betray'd*, and where *Entertaind* by the Silly Creatures they *Debauch'd*, and who in their Hearts Abborr'd their *Deſigns*.

(6.) *Rehearſ.* Theſe were the *Loyal* Men, who Invited over a Foraign *Prince* againſt their own Natural *Soveraign*! While they were Swearing *Fidility* to him, and calling *God* to Witneſs the *Sincerity* of their *Hearts*! Their *Letters* to the *French King* were taken with a *Covenanting Lord* in *London*, who was ſent to the *Tower* for it. And inſtead of the Reward due to this *Higheſt* of *Treaſon*, the *King*, after his Uſual *Clemency*, not only *Pardon'd* and *Releas'd* him, but, to Charm theſe People with his *Goodneſs*, He preferr'd him to Greater *Honours*, and made him, the Chief *Miniſter* in the Kingdom, and put the other *Covenanters* into full *Power*. In return to which, and all other the Unparallel'd Acts of his *Mercy*, they took *Arms* againſt him, and Condemn'd him as a Bloody *Tyrant*!

(7.) *Country-m.* What then makes the *Review* Start at a little *Perjury*, *Treachery*, or *Ingratitude*, as if he had never ſeen the like before! Let him Apply to a *Covenanter* the Remaining part of the *Deſcription* he gives in the ſame *Review*, N. 35. And his *Wonder* will Ceaſe. For thus ſays he,

" Let Us come to his Picture in Mina-
" ture, like *Milton*'s Deſcription of *Sin*,
" keeping the Gates of *Chaos* leading into
" the World. He is Form'd like a Chri-
" ſtian, and has the Face of a Reaſonable
" Creature; but ſome Croſs Lines in his
" Countenance, which Nature or Art has
" no Power to Conceal, ſhew to a ſtrict
" Enquirer a Mind Diſtracted with a Poſ-
" ſeſſion and Complication of Lunacies:
" His lower Parts therefore are well De-
" ſcrib'd by Cloven-Feet, Talons of Vul-
" tures, Snakes, Serpents, Devils, and all
" ſorts of Infernal Monſters, which Twin-
" ing about one another, form his Entrails,
" thro' which all his Digeſtures are voided,
" and being Contaminated and partaking
" of the Nature of the Veſſels they paſs
" thro', the Coagulated Blood is of the
" ſame Quality, Stagnat Vapours of Trea-
" ſon, Diſaffection *&c.* Fume up into his
" Head, Infect his Life, and he is a painted
" Hypocrite without, but all Viper and
" Poiſon within.

(8.) *Rehearſ.* He Shot at a *Pigeon* and hit a *Crow*—— We once ſaw a Company of theſe *Infernal Dragoons*, who Call'd themſelves a *Parliament*, and *Satan* their *Speaker*. Who fill'd theſe Nations with *Blood* and *Confuſion*; took upon them an *Authority*, by by Vertue of the Power of the *People*, to bring their *Soveraign* to a *Tryal* before their Mock *Tribunal*, and Condemn him to *Death*; who overturn'd all the *Laws*, and made *Root and Branch Work* with the *Church*. Who minded their own Buſineſs, and having Seiz'd the *Revenues* of the *Church* and the *Crown*, and the *Eſtates* of *Delinquents*, becauſe they did not make Good Uſe of them, therefore theſe *Pious* Men kept them All to Themſelves! They had *God* in their *Mouth*, the *Devil* in their *Heart*, and the *World* in *Both their Arms*.

(9.) *Country-m.* And it is a *Parliament* of ſuch *Saints* as theſe that the *Review* wou'd fain ſee again! This wou'd be *Parliamentum Beatum*, as *Baxter* Deſcrib'd *Heaven*, for he wou'd not let it be a *Monarchy*! And while ther are thoſe in the *Parliament* that have any Regard to the *Church*, or the *Crown*, or to our *Conſtitution*, Mr. *Review* makes them a *Parliament* of *Devils*, and to be *Reſiſted* with *Violence*.

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